



June 3, 2015

Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Chair
Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.
Councilmember Gilbert A. Cedillo

Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing to you to express my strong support for "Option 3" for the Glendale Boulevard-Hyperion Avenue Complex of Bridges Improvement Project.

I first expressed my support for "Option 3" at a Democrats for Neighborhood Action (DNA) meeting because this option would maintain 2 sidewalks and buffered bike lanes on both sides, all while improving traffic flow.

This option has wide community support and many dedicated community members have been working for over a year and a half on this issue, including area pedestrian and bicycle leaders, and both the Silverlake and Los Feliz Neighborhood Councils, who supported "Option 3" with unanimous votes, respectively.

From sidewalk access for students walking to school, to families seeking to travel by foot to local businesses and the LA River, I believe "Option 3" is the best option to help meet the mobility needs of our community.

Councilman Mitch O'Farrell convened a Community Advisory Committee that voted 6-3 for "Option 3" and an independent consulting firm also released a study that suggested that the removal of one traffic lane would have a very minor impact to automobiles on the bridge.

I stand with the Silverlake and Los Feliz Neighborhood Councils, as well as a host of bicycle, pedestrian, and community leaders, and support the need to save the sidewalk on this historic bridge.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu
Councilman Elect, District 4

CC: Michael Espinosa